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Title: GAS CIRCULATING-PROCESSING APPARATUS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 52 pages, including 4 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings- 7 sheets of drawings containing 14 Figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-400833, filed December 28, 2000, 2000-401179, filed December 28, 2000, and 2000-401180 filed December 28, 2000.
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-400833, filed December 28, 2000, 2000-401179, filed December 28, 2000, and 2000-401180 filed December 28, 2000.

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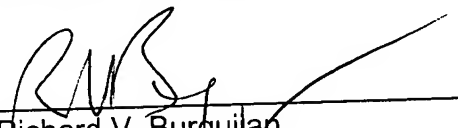
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